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1. At 1600 hours on 4 June 1954, when [] ship was about five nautical miles east of Kildin Island, it was approached from the northeast by a cruiser with a large bridge, about 200 meters long, and a single stack about the same height as the bridge, which was separated from it by a wide space. The vessel had a triple gun turret on the foredeck and another on the after-deck. [] About two miles [] the cruiser changed course, moving at high speed in a northwesterly direction and then making a wide circle toward the west and south before disappearing in Kola Inlet. 25X1
2. At the same time [] a small submarine about one and one-half miles distant. The submarine surfaced and then submerged again. Two vessels of the trawler type lay about ten miles from [] ship, and three destroyers lay between the trawlers and the coast. During observation, a heavy explosion in front of the trawlers enveloped them in a thick smoke cloud. When the smoke lifted, the trawlers were no longer in sight. The destroyers then laid a smoke screen, behind which they soon disappeared. 25X1

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